

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A method of providing an inventory of digital images for a client comprising the steps of:

acquiring digital images of ~~the~~ items for the inventory using a digital camera;
transferring the images to a ~~computer~~-memory in a computer separate from the digital camera;
formatting the images in the computer;
encrypting the formatted images in the computer;
applying a PIN to the encrypted images in the computer; and
transferring the ~~formatted-encrypted~~ images to a storage medium for the client.

2. (Withdrawn) A method of providing an inventory of digital images of items in predetermined rooms/areas/categories of a household comprising the steps of:

acquiring digital images of the items in each room/area/category of the household for the inventory;
transferring the images to a computer memory;
formatting the images in the computer by areas in the residence;
encrypting the formatted images;
applying a PIN to the encrypted images; and
transferring the encrypted formatted images to a storage medium.

3. (Withdrawn) A method of providing an inventory of digital images of items in predetermined rooms/areas/categories of a business comprising the steps of:
 - acquiring digital images of the items in each room/area/category of the building for the inventory;
 - transferring the images to a computer memory;
 - formatting the images in the computer by areas of the business;
 - encrypting the formatted images;
 - applying a PIN to the encrypted images; and
 - transferring the encrypted formatted images to a storage medium.
4. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:
 - ~~taking the digital images of the items with a digital camera; and~~
 - storing the digital images in a temporary memory in the camera.
5. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 4 further comprising:
 - connecting the temporary memory to the computer to transfer the digital images;
 - and
 - clearing the digital images from the temporary memory.
6. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 4 further comprising:
 - ~~taking the digital images of the items with a digital camera; and~~
 - transmitting the digital images from the temporary memory to the computer over a wireless link.

7. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising:
 ~~taking the digital images of the inventory items with a digital camera;~~
 generating thumb print images corresponding to the inventory images;
 storing the inventory images in a folder in a temporary memory in the camera; and
 storing the corresponding thumb print images in a folder within the inventory folder.
8. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 7 further comprising:
 connecting the temporary memory to the computer to transfer the inventory images and the thumb print images; and
 clearing the images from the temporary memory.
9. (Canceled)
10. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the storage medium is a CD-ROM or a secured server memory.
11. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:
 deleting the encrypted formatted images from the computer memory.
12. (Withdrawn) A computer-readable storage medium containing data for storing the inventory of digital images as produced by the method as claimed in claim 1.

13. (Withdrawn) A computer readable storage medium as claimed in claim 12 which comprises:

- a number of room/area/category folders for storage of inventory images from corresponding rooms/areas/categories;
- a thumb print folder within each of the room/area/category folders for storage of corresponding thumb print images; and
- a viewer folder for storing files for viewing the images.

14. (Withdrawn) A computer readable storage medium as claimed in claim 12 which comprises:

- a number of room/area/category folders for storage of inventory images from corresponding rooms/areas/categories;
- a thumb print folder within each of the room/area/category folders for storage of corresponding thumb print images;
- a viewer folder for storing files for viewing the images; and
- decryption files for decrypting the images stored in the folders.

15. (Withdrawn) A computer readable storage medium as claimed in claim 12 which comprises:

- a number of room/area/category folders for storage of inventory images from corresponding rooms/areas/categories;
- a thumb print folder within each of the room/area/category folders for storage of corresponding thumb print images;
- an html viewer folder for storing files for viewing the images; and
- decryption files for decrypting the images stored in the folders.

16. (Withdrawn) A computer-readable storage medium containing data for storing the inventory of digital images as produced by the method as claimed in claim 9.

17. (Withdrawn) A computer readable storage medium as claimed in claim 16 which comprises:

- a number of room/area/category folders for storage of inventory images from corresponding rooms/areas/categories;

- a thumb print folder within each of the room/area/category folders for storage of corresponding thumb print images; and

- a viewer folder for storing files for viewing the images.

18. (Withdrawn) A computer readable storage medium as claimed in claim 16 which comprises:

- a number of room/area/category folders for storage of inventory images from corresponding rooms/areas/categories;

- a thumb print folder within each of the room/area/category folders for storage of corresponding thumb print images;

- a viewer folder for storing files for viewing the images; and decryption files for decrypting the images stored in the folders.

19. (Withdrawn) A computer readable storage medium as claimed in claim 16 which comprises:

- a number of room/area/category folders for storage of inventory images from corresponding rooms/areas/categories;

- a thumb print folder within each of the room/area/category folders for storage of corresponding thumb print images;

an html viewer folder for storing files for viewing the images; and
decryption files for decrypting the images stored in the folders.

20. (Withdrawn) A computer-readable storage medium containing data for storing the inventory of digital images wherein the data comprises:

a number of room/area/category folders for storage of inventory images from corresponding rooms/areas/categories;

a thumb print folder within each of the room/area/category folders for storage of corresponding thumb print images; and

a viewer folder for storing files for viewing the images.

21. (Withdrawn) A computer-readable storage medium containing data for storing the inventory of digital images as claimed in claim 20 wherein the data further comprises decryption files for decrypting the images stored in the folders.

22. (Withdrawn) A computer-readable storage medium containing data for storing the inventory of digital images as claimed in claim 21 wherein the viewing files are html files.